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REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53 (b)

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 09/810,194, filed on March 19, 2001, entitled AN ELECTRON DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, A PATTERN FORMING METHOD, AND A PHOTOMASK USED FOR THOSE METHODS, by the inventor named in the prior application.

- CLAIMS AS FILED IN THE PRIOR APPLICATION
LESS ANY CLAIMS CANCELED BY AMENDMENT BELOW
PLUS ANY CLAIMS ADDED BY ACCOMPANYING PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Basic Fee							\$	750.00
Total Claims	6	-	20	=	0	x	18	= \$.00
Independent Claims	2	-	3	=	0	x	84	= \$.00
Total Filing Fee							\$	750.00

3. A Credit Card Payment Form in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed to cover the Filing Fee.

4. Cancel claims 1-15 before calculating the Filing Fee. A Preliminary Amendment is submitted herewith.

5. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-1417. A duplicate copy of this Request is enclosed for this purpose.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

This is a continuation application of U.S. Serial No.
09/810,194, filed March 19, 2001.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twenty-seven (27) sheets, Figs. 1-24.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Limited.

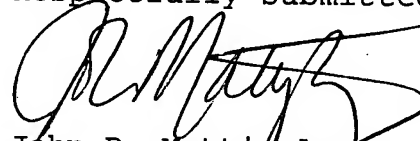
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

No. 2000-128944, filed April 25, 2000.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 09/810,194, as originally filed on March 19, 2001.

Respectfully submitted,



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TRANSMITTAL OF CORRECTED FORMAL DRAWINGS

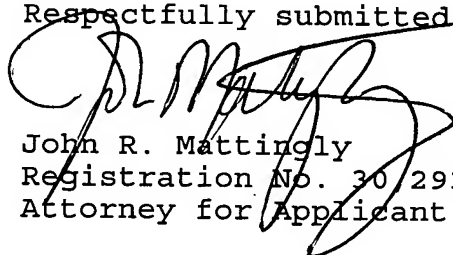
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Sir:

Applicants request approval for the drawing change to Fig. 8 indicated and also submit herewith one (1) sheet of corrected formal drawings for Fig. 8. Upon approval of the proposed change, please substitute the corrected sheet for the originally-filed sheet of drawings. None of the other sheets of drawings require correction.

Please charge any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 50-1417.

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